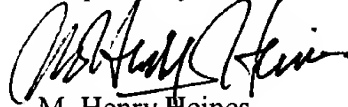


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims canceled above are canceled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a divisional application.

The finding that claims 3 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is acknowledged with appreciation. This amendment so rewrites these claims. The application is now in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should any matters remain that can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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